

(c) whether the State Government has brought to the notice of the Central Government about the involvement of some officers of FCI, who indulged in unethical practices and got the milling done from the defaulter rice mill owners; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) A quantity of 38.61 lakh tonnes of wheat is estimated to be procured in Punjab by the Food Corporation of India during the current Rabi Marketing Season 2001-2002.

(b) A quantity of 78.39 lakh tonnes is estimated to be procured by the State Agencies in Punjab. The Food Corporation of India/State Agencies will procure wheat at Minimum Support Price of Rs. 610/-per quintal in accordance with the specification fixed by the Government of India.

(c) and (d) Government of Punjab brought to the notice of this Ministry that FCI is getting its paddy milled from the mills declared defaulter by the State Government. The FCI has stopped milling of the paddy from such mills as per the instructions of the State Government.

Extension of Maize Procurement Operation

489. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication in the recent past from the Karnataka Government seeking extension of maize procurement operation under minimum support scheme upto 30-4-2001 in view of the fact that large quantity of maize still continue to pour in the markets;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government has extended all support to the FCI to acquire storage space and provide transport facilities for transportation of maize from one point to another to avoid any strain; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND

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RAJYA SABHA

PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Government decided that the FCI would procure maize in Karnataka during Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001 under price support scheme only upto 31.3.2001.

(b) and (c) The State Government has extended support to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for acquiring storage space in few centres operated by FCI, enabling procurement of maize stocks in Shimoga and Belgaum Districts. FCI has made arrangements for transportation itself at the centres operated by FCI. At the purchase centres where Karnataka Food Civil Supplies Corporation (KFCSC) procured maize, they themselves have made the arrangements for transportation of maize from one point to another.

Clearance of proposal under-non-lapsable pool of resources

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DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) details of the criteria finalised and the steps required for considering and clearing a proposal for implementation under non-lapsable pool of resources (NER) indicating time set for each step;

(b) the list of pending proposals with indication of date of receipt, causes for its delay in getting clearance and expected time of clearances. State-wise;

(c) whether any specific guidelines have been finalised to ensure the 10 per cent State share for the projects of regional natural benefiting or encompassing more than two States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the nature of participation of executing States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Under the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources, preference is given to infrastructure projects such as in the sectors of road, power, drinking water supply, education etc. A Committee has been constituted to administer the Central Pool. The project proposals received for consideration under the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources are considered by this Committee and recommended, on merit, for support from the Central Pool with due